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1. The Guard Regiment Berlin is directly subordinate to the Ministry for State Security. This regiment was organized from the guard battalion of the HVDVP in late 1950. The regiment is quartered on Rudower Chaussee in Berlin-Adlershof in buildings bordering on the premises of the HVA. The missions of the regiment include the guarding of: those government buildings which are not guarded by the guard battalion of the HVDVP; the Pankow castle; the House of the Ministries on Leipziger Strasse; and the Central Committee of the SED where a company is permanently stationed. The regiment is also employed for traffic control and duty during parades and open air rallies and for guarding members of the government when they are travelling. In early August, the regiment consisted of 2,800 men and was organized into three battalions stationed in Berlin. Battalions of the Ministry of State Security existing at the seats of the former land governments, were also subordinate to this regiment.
2. Officers of the regiment [] included: VP Inspekteur Engelbrecht (fnu), commanding officer, who formerly belonged to the Ministry for State Security; VP Oberrat Fritz Stangel, chief of staff, who formerly was assigned to the guard battalion of the HVDVP; VP Oberrat Winter (fnu), chief of personnel, who formerly was assigned to the Ministry for State Security; VP Rat Otto Sass, battalion commander, who formerly was assigned to the guard battalion of the HVDVP; VP Rat Mackel (fnu), battalion commander, who formerly was assigned to the guard battalion of the HVDVP; and VP Rat Cerasch (fnu), battalion commander, who formerly was assigned to the guard battalion of the HVDVP. The "U" of the guard regiment are authorized to wear crossbelts while in other VP units such crossbelts may be worn only by officers with the rank of Oberrat or higher. Moreover, the stars on the collar patches are outlined by black, red and gold. *
3. All the kasernierte units of the HVDVP, i.e. the guard battalion in Berlin and one battalion each in Halle, Potsdam, Schwerin, Weimar and Magdeburg, the seats of the former land governments, are assigned to the Main Department Schutzpolizei (internal security police) of the HVDVP which is headed by Chefinspekteur Konrad Strieder. The battalions which are stationed at the seats

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of the former land governments are not identical with those mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report.

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[REDACTED] The HVDVP, whose chief was Generalinspekteur Karl Laron, was assigned to the Ministry of the Interior. Beside the units mentioned, the land police agencies and the transportation police were assigned to the HVDVP. In mid-July 1952, the Main Department Grenzpolizei (border police) was transferred from the HVDVP to the Ministry for State Security. The border police was commanded by Chefinspekteur Smorla (fnu). **

4. The administration of the guard battalions of the HVDVP is delegated within the HVDVP as follows: operational matters, Main Department Schutzpolizei, headed by Chefinspekteur Konrad Strieder; personnel matters, Main Department for Personnel Administration, headed by Chefinspekteur Richard Wenzel; political matters, Main Department Politikultur, headed by Chefinspekteur Herbert Gruenstein; supply, Main Department of Supplies, headed by Chefinspekteur Alfred Gläser; and technical affairs, Main Department of Technical Services.
5. The companies of the Guard Battalion Berlin of the HVDVP were stationed as follows: the 1st and 3d Cos in a cantonment on Buchholzer Strasse; the 2d Co in the former guest house of the HVDVP on Buchholzer Strasse; and the 4th Co in the building of the Main Department Grenzpolizei at 31 Heinrich Mann Strasse.***

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* [REDACTED] Comment. This information confirms Guard Regt A of the Ministry for State Security quartered on Rudower Chaussee and commanded by Inspekteur Engelbrecht (fnu). [REDACTED] The information that special battalions of the Ministry for State Security which are stationed at the seats of the former land governments are also assigned to this regiment is received for the first time. Since April 1952, the personnel strength of the Berlin elements of this regiment has been increased by about 400 percent. This development indicates that a corps of interior security police is being organized.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. This statement confirms previous information according to which the Main Administration for Border Police in the Ministry for State Security is headed by Chefinspekteur Smorla (fnu). Smorla is probably identical with Richard Smorlitz, formerly commander of VPD Grossschwein.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. The statements on the HVDVP and the Guard Battalion Berlin, which is stationed in the Grosse Rampe Camp on Buchholzer Strasse in Nieferschoenhausen, are confirmed [REDACTED] Commanding officer of this guard battalion is VP Kommandeur Ringel (fnu).

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